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REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005 the Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,005,861 to Humpleman et al. and rejected claims 2-3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Humpleman et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,526,581 B1 to Edson. In addition, the Examiner indicated claims 4-14 would be allowable if rewritten into independent form so and included all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response Applicant has cancelled claims 1-3 and amended claims 4, 9 and 12. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has amended claim 4 into independent form so that it includes all of the limitations of claims 1-3. Applicant submits claim 4 is in condition for allowance. Claims 5-14 are also allowable due to their dependence on an allowed claim.

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CONCLUSION

No fees are believed due for this response. However, the Office is authorized to charge any additional fees or underpayments of fees (including fees for petitions for extensions of time) under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 to account number 502117. Any overpayments should be credited to the same account.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, withdrawal of the rejections made in the last Office Action and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. The Applicant's representative can be reached at the below telephone number if the Examiner has any questions.

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